

THATCHER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams are spending a few days in town visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Myrtle Rogers and two children, of Miami, are visiting with Mrs. Rogers' mother, Mrs. Cole.

Mrs. John Damron is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Dye and son, Clyde, left last week for New Mexico.

Mrs. S. F. Wilson and children left Tuesday for Socorro, N. M., where she will join her husband, who is employed there. The Wilsons will make their future home there.

Grandma Post, mother of Mrs. A. C. Peterson, left Tuesday morning for her home in Chicago.

A number of the friends of little Helen Wilson gave her a farewell surprise party at her home last Friday. The afternoon was spent in playing games after which dainty refreshments were served.

Little Roy Young and Ellis Damron entertained a number of their little friends last Friday, in honor of their 12th birthdays. The afternoon was spent in play-

ing games. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. Elda Cluff and daughter, Verma, left Saturday for Ft. Grant.

The friends of Miss Bertha Wilson gave her a farewell party Monday night, at the home of Deila Tyler. The evening was spent in games and music, after which the girls enjoyed themselves making candy.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Jackson left last week for their home in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dodge and family will leave today for Salt Lake City, Utah, where they will make their future home. They will make the journey by auto.

E. C. Phillips left Wednesday morning for Utah.

A farewell party was given Monday night at the home of Mrs. George Echols, in honor of Miss Irene Wilson. The evening was spent in playing games, after which dainty refreshments of lemonade and cake were served. All those present expressed themselves as having a splendid time.

J. A. Wardlaw, of El Paso, is visiting with his family in town this week.

Mrs. Dick Sears, of Clifton, arrived in town last week, to join her husband, who is employed here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Reed are the proud parents of a new baby girl, who arrived at their home Monday.

Seth Fletcher, who has been on a business trip to Idaho, arrived home last week.

Don Brown left for Miami on a business trip Tuesday evening.

Jesse Finley and family, of Benson, are visiting in town this week.

Boy Scouts Go To Indian Hot Springs

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 1, under the direction of Scout Master Aaron Nelson, assisted by Joseph Bingham, Jr., and Anthon Skaggs, spent a jolly time at the Indian Hot Springs last Thursday evening. A spread "fit for a king" was enjoyed by all. The trip was made in one of the trucks of Welker Brothers Transfer.

FATHER MORAN AIDS LEGION

Former Army Chaplain Assists in Obtaining Armistice Day Legislation in Minnesota.

When the Minnesota American Legion state legislative committee at the opening of the state legislature appointed sub-committees to pilot its various bills through the house and senate, Father D. J. Moran, of Farmington, was made chairman of the Armistice day committee.

Attacking the job with Argonne fervor, Father Moran obtained the passage of a bill declaring Armistice day a legal holiday as the first piece of Legion legislation enacted into law.

As army chaplain, Father Moran served ten months overseas. He is an ardent Legion lecturer and worker. When he returned from France in September, 1919, and found no Legion post organized in Farmington, he headed straight for Legion state headquarters, obtained the necessary blanks and within a week had established one of the most active posts in Minnesota.

The Fight for the Registry

By FREDERICK CLARKE

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"You did us a good turn once, Doc. We intend to return the compliment." Young Dr. Hector Fairbanks smiled pleasantly but inquiringly—in fact, almost suspiciously. The speaker was Dan Babbitt. As he stood garbed in his rude Tennessee mountaineer's costume, two holsters at his belt, strength, independence and grit showing in every strong lineament of his face, the doctor did not marvel that he had been made the leader of the famous "Midnight Riders."

It was a raw district, that of which the young physician had been a resident for about a year. There were two principal points in the county—Ridgeford and Princeville. It was at the former town that Dr. Fairbanks had taken up his abode. The two places were only five miles apart, and the "safety zone," as it was called, enclosed them for an area of about twenty miles. Thence to the south of Princeville was a mountainous stretch infested by rough moonshiners known as the Breckitt clan. The same condition prevailed south of Ridgeford, where Dan Babbitt and his "Midnight Riders" held full sway. A broken ridge divided the two districts, the respective right and privileges of which were jealously guarded by either community.

For years a small but solidly built structure located just on the township line at a little settlement called Bryan had been the registry's office of the county. All the official business of the district was carried on there, and there the county records were kept. One night the Breckitt raiders, wiping out a fancied insult from the main residents of the place, "shot up" the settlement, set fire to what little there was of it, and every structure in Bryan was consumed except the registry's office.

The state authorities were advised of this outrage and ordered a special election. The voters of the county were to decide upon a new site for the registry's office, with a view to locating it in a less isolated locality where its records could be protected. A central point was necessary, and the choice designated was between Ridgeford and Princeville.

Now, three days later, Dan walked into the office of Dr. Fairbanks with the words that begin our story. The favor which the young physician had done to which Dan alluded was an exigency call for attendance on a wounded friend for whom the officers were looking. He rode twenty miles amidst all the perils of a dark stormy night, saved the life of the refugee, braved a stray shot from the watching Breckitts and won the undying gratitude of Dan.

"I thought I would come and tell you how things stood about the registry office," continued the young outlaw leader.

"Why, the election has settled that matter," observed Dr. Fairbanks. "Not by a long shot!" dissented Dan vigorously. "An election isn't much in this county. Jed Breckitt realizes that, and we have accidentally learned, has sent for a house moving outfit to lug the registry's office, records and all, over to Princeville."

"You amaze me!" exclaimed the young physician. "Just let them get that building over to Princeville," continued Dan, "and we'll never get it back. I want you to quietly get about fifty of the residents here who can be depended on, ready to act with my crowd tomorrow night."

"There's old Dolliver and his gal—essentially the gal, bless her pretty eyes! Miss Dora—"

Old Jonathan Dolliver had been the registrar of the county from time-immemorial. His daughter Dora was his chief clerk.

"You people make a stand here," ordered Dan to the doctor and his party the next night. "If we need you we'll signal."

Lanterns were flashing, men moving about. They had been anticipated. There was the registry office, moved about fifty feet from its original site, being slowly and cautiously dragged along the top of the ridge.

"Charge 'em!" ordered Dan at once. "Leave the rest to me," and then, as his men drove into the unprepared Breckitts, Dan sprang to the cable, his bowie knife in hand, and began hacking at it.

"Look out—she's coming!" his strenuous voice thundered out.

The startled and amazed contingent led by Dr. Fairbanks witnessed a fearful spectacle, as down the steep hillside the heavy, clumsy structure came hurtling. It toppled from grade to grade, then three hundred feet below at the edge of the road it landed with a crash, a mere kindling wood wreck.

There were shots overhead, then they ceased, and then the voice of Dan Babbitt was heard distinctly:

"We are two to one, you fellows. If it's a fight, come on—but no acrimony. The registry office is over on our side of the township line now, and we're ready to defend our rights."

The Breckitts made off sullenly. Dan came down with horses and drag.

"Pick up the splinters, boys," he ordered. "Take special care of those iron record boxes. 'Doc,' and he lowered his tone to a chuckling whisper. "I reckon that sweet Dolliver gal will keep her position a little longer, eh?—until you give her a life-long one in that new home of yours."

Do Not Have to Pay Poll Tax.

Backed by the American Legion, a law providing for the registration of all ex-service men of all wars in the state of Montana was passed by the legislature. The new act exempts all ex-service men from payment of the poll tax and requires each county assessor to keep a record of the names and organizations of all veterans within his county. It is expected that other states will take similar action soon.

PIMA NEWS

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Dryden have moved back to Pima to make their home.

Lillie Matthews, the nine-year-old daughter of Mrs. L. F. Judd, is ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Nora Anderson left Thursday morning for Salt Lake City, Utah, where she will be married in the temple to Ray Davis, of Provo, Utah. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Benj. Blake, who will attend the primary conference in that city and also visit with relatives.

The Pima baseball team played the Safford team here Thursday afternoon and on Saturday afternoon the Pima team will play the Central team on the Central diamond.

The Pima Mutual Associations will present a play here in the pavilion Saturday night.

Mrs. Rex Webb and baby are visiting at the home of Mr. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webb.

Dewey Wightman, of Globe, spent last week here visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyrum Weech. He returned home Monday evening.

Last Saturday afternoon two very interesting baseball games were played here. One between Pima and Central, resulting in favor of Pima, the score being 11 to 4. The second game was between Safford and Glenbar. The score was in favor of Safford.

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE II.—PENNSYLVANIA



THE second state to adopt the Constitution was Pennsylvania. Its area of 45,126 square miles is larger than the combined New England states, except Maine, with New Jersey thrown in for good measure. Its name means "Penn's Woodland" and was so named by King Charles II, who granted this territory to the Quaker, William Penn, and named it in commemoration of Penn's father, who had been a distinguished admiral and on terms of peculiar friendship and intimacy with the royal family. This grant was made in lieu of £16,000, which the king owed Admiral Penn. On this basis it originally cost about \$2 a square mile.

Pennsylvania has assumed such an important place among the states that it is often called the Keystone state. This term was probably derived originally because her name was carved on the keystone of the bridge over Rock creek, between Washington and Georgetown. Later on it was applied on account of the great importance of the state in national elections. Its delegation to congress totals 38, second only in size to that from New York, and Pennsylvania accordingly has 38 presidential electors.

William Penn first came over to America in 1682. The following year he laid out the city of Philadelphia, or "Brotherly Love," which was named after a biblical city in Asia Minor. As Pennsylvania was the only colony without a seacoast, Penn obtained from the duke of York the control of Delaware, and until the Revolution these two provinces were under the same proprietary government. Quarrels with Maryland over boundaries caused a formal survey to be made by two surveyors, Mason and Dixon, and it was this which became famous during the Civil war as the Mason and Dixon line, the dividing mark between the slave and the free states. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 11th day of June, A. D. 1921, the Gila Motor Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, and transacting business in Safford, Graham County, Arizona, intends to sell, assign, deliver and transfer to A. D. Anderson, all of its stock in trade, including the whole of its supplies, tools, materials, fixtures, equipment, plant and automobiles, situated and located at and in its place of business on said Center street in said Town of Safford.

Said sale, assignment, delivery and transfer will take place at the place of business of the undersigned on Center street, on said date.

Dated this 25th day of May, A. D. 1921.

GILA MOTOR COMPANY, By AMOS COOK, Its President.

ATTEST: S. B. ECHOLS, Secretary.

STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF GRAHAM, ss: This instrument was acknowledged before me this 25th day of May, A. D. 1921, by Amos Cook and S. B. Echols, as president and secretary, respectively, of Gila Motor Company, a corporation.

[SEAL] E. SCHROEDER, Notary Public in and for Graham County, Arizona.

My commission expires Dec. 15, 1924. First publication, May 27, 1921. Last publication, June 10, 1921.

Arizona Trust and Savings Bank Opening

Saturday, the 23th, was opening day for the Arizona Trust and Savings Bank in its new home.

Many visitors and friends inspected the new building, which is equipped with the latest and most up-to-date fixtures.

The bank officials are to be congratulated upon building this modern structure and Safford is justly proud of the beautiful building as well as the up-to-date business concern of which it is the home.

Prospector Found Sick and Helpless

A prospector was found in the Klondike canyon this week, suffering from pneumonia. He had been in a helpless condition and without any attention for six days. Fred and Frank Dowdle brought him to Safford Wednesday and placed him in the county hospital. He is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dowdle and daughter, Madge, of Klondike, were visitors in town this week.

Glenn and Maurice Broderick are expected to arrive home today from Tucson, where they are attending the University.

Professor D. M. Hibner and family left this week for Greeley, Colo., to spend the summer.

QUALITY IS ECONOMY IN AUTO TIRES

In many lines of merchandise you can get along with second-quality goods.

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PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

HOBART BOSWORTH

in

"The Brute Master"

Also

Pathe News and Topics of the Day

MONDAY, JUNE 6

Eddie Polo in

"King of the Circus"

"Big Bob"

Universal Western and Century Comedy

TUES. and WED. JUNE 7-8

"Godless Men"

An All-Star Cast

Also

"Edgar's Feast Day"

THURSDAY FRIDAY, JUNE 9-10

Jack London's Great Story

"The Star Rover"

SATURDAY JUNE 11

"The Lord Loves the Irish"

Also

Mack Sennett Comedy

R. H. Alexander

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